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Arrivals.

Feb. 7, WILLY, North Ger. sch., 250, Rohker, Pilt. back.—BOUSJAU, HEDENER & Co.

Feb. 8, BENGAL, Brit. str., 1,179, Temlin, Bombay 15th January, and Singapore 30th, General.—P. & O. Co.

Feb. 8, SERENISSIMO, North Ger. bk., 332, Diedrich, Yokohama 23rd January Ballast.—STEMSEES & Co.

Feb. 8, CLETA, Brit. bk., 520, Middleton, London 4th Sept., General.—TURNER & Co.

Feb. 8, NICOLINE, North Ger. bk., 334, Ahlmann, Bangkok 8th December, Rice.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Feb. 8, CHIN CHIN, Brit. bk., 342, Legrand, Yokohama 23rd January, Ballast.—MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.

Departures.

Feb. 8, APEIN, str., for Shanghai.
Feb. 8, Granador, for Hongkong.
Feb. 8, SUNDA, str., for Shanghai.
Feb. 8, HONA, etc., for Shanghai.
Feb. 9, KWANGTUNG, str., for East Coast.

Clearances.

NO THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
FEBRUARY 9TH.

Vistula, for Saigon.
Kiangtung, etc., for Swatow, &c.
Port Regent, for Saigon.

Passengers.

For P. M. S. S. str. *Chiga*, from San Francisco and Yokohama,—

Mr. A. F. Thompson, Miss Caspin, Messrs. Jas. Batterably, N. R. Tata, N. P. Mehta, Wm. Marshall, T. Waters, John Bush, Rev. T. W. Kip, wife and child, Miss Mandeville, D. Nourojee, H. M. Pedas, H. R. Purser, W. M. Strachan, Jose Anien, Mr. and Mrs. Schrager and 4 children, G. A. Shackelford, Pedro Dunlopy and Pio Cabiltet.

Reports.

The N. G. bark *Nicoline* reports experiencing fine weather with occasional squalls and rain. Spoke the *E. Wood*, bound to Ningpo, in the Gillolo passage on 25th Dec., and same day and place, the N. G. bark *Rio*, bound to Amoy.

The British bark *Chin Chin* reports experienced N.E. winds from leaving to N. end of Formosa, then S.W. wind with thick weather and fog until arrival.

The extra P. & O. steamer *Bengal* reports having very fine weather to Singapore, and from there moderate weather with fresh monsoon from Anjer. Spoke a French transport on leaving Singapore, and the Rome Mail steamer outside the harbour, at 10 a.m.

The North German bark *Saturnus* reports left Yokohama with moderate N.E. breeze; off the Toko and Oho Islands experienced a calm and light variable airs for nearly three days, then moderate N.E. breze to the Eastern limit of the Formosa Channel, then strong S.W. winds for three days, after which again strong N.E. winds, accompanied with much rain and thick weather until close to Hongkong.

The British bark *Cleta* reports quitting the Downs on the 23rd September, experiencing very bad weather from the S.W. and S., cleared the Channel off or much hammering, and experienced a long passage to the Equator, which was crossed, in 29 W. on the 3rd Nov. Found the S.E. trades very light and extremely far to the Southward; passed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on the 8th December, in lat. 43 S. found light winds and fine weather running down the Roaring eighties. Saw Amsterdam on the 23rd December, and thence to Sandalwood Island, which was sighted on the 8th January; experienced a fine run with strong Southerly and S.W. winds; experienced a short passage through Pitts Straits; left the Gillolo on the 22nd January; thence monsoon moderate Easterly and N.E. to the Bashees, which were passed on the 1st February; then two days light breezes off Formosa. After which strong N.E. breeze until arrival; 138 days out. On the 14th December, in lat. 43 30 S., long. 50.45 E. at 7.30 A.M., lost overboard William Russell, of London, 2nd mate. Surprised in putting a boat on the port quarter, he fell overboard, ship running 9 knots with a strong breeze; lowered a boat which was stove, and sunk alongside, then got the pinnace out, and made search for 45 minutes, but without success.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ground Tackle*, Cheverly, commander, left San Francisco, with Freight, Passengers and Mails for Hongkong on Jan. 1st, 1870, at noon, and experienced strong Westerly winds and heavy weather with two days gale, very heavy from Westward. Arrived at Yokohama January 31st, at 1.50 P.M., sailed hence Yokohama February 1st, at 4.15 P.M. Favorable weather to Hongkong. During the night of January 9th, Lorenchong, stowage passenger, jumped overboard, and was lost.

CONSIGNEES.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co., Holliday, Wise & Co., John S. Halsey, G. de Silveiray Aug. Heard & Co., J. B. Endicott, Oliphant & Co., H. W. Armstrong, Admiral S. C. Rowan, Walter Earnest, D. C. Tata, Carbonitz & Co., Bourjau, Hebener & Co., E. P. Ward, Wm. Dolan, Wm. Pustau & Co., Chas. A. Gibon, Russell & Co., J. Thomson, W. H. Almstead, Rev. J. A. Dalles, Cawasjee, P. and P. Deroule Freres, J. J. Murray, Chinese, Order.

Auction Sales To-day.

GUEDES & Co.
Coatings, Trouserings, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Household Furniture, &c.

NOW READY, PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

THE "*Daily Press*" RACE BOOK, for 1870, compiled from the Official List of Entries. To be had at the various Stores and at the *Daily Press* Office.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1870.

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NORONHA & SONS.
tf 169 Hongkong, 25th January, 1870.

RACES! RACES!! RACES!!!

SAYLE & Co.
HAVE just received, ex Mail,
MILLINERY,
BONNETS,
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FANCY SILKS,
suitable for the Races,
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KID GLOVES,
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BLACK CLOTH,
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Winter DRESS MATERIALS,
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220 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—5,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—
Chairman—H. B. LEMANN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—HONBLE. J. B. TAYLOR.
E. R. Belloc, Esq. | Julius Mosle, Esq.
W. H. Forbes, Esq. | Thomas Pike, Esq.
George F. Heard, Esq. | Hon. C. Rowett.
George J. Holland, Esq. | S. D. Sassoon, Esq.
A. Jones, Esq.

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VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
tf 10621 Hongkong, 1st January, 1869.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say $7.50 per paid-up Share of $125, and $3 per share on which $50 have been paid, is payable on and after THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.
By order of the Board of Directors,
VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
tf 235 Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

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C. H. SPEAR,
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EDW. PARKER,
Proprietor, "Albion Hotel."
1w 246 Hongkong, 5th February, 1870.

Intimations.

EX "*NORMAN COURT.*"

DESSERT DISHES.
Flower BASKETS.
Ice PAILS.
De La Rue's STATIONERY.
Waterlow's do
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And,
FOR THE RACES,
Ex Overland Mail.
GLOVES.
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SCARFS in the various Colours.
NOVELTIES in COLLARS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
74,250 Hongkong, 7th February, 1870.

RACES!

COSMOPOLITAN REFRESHMENT PAVILION.

BY the kind permission the authorities, Mr. KNIGHT R. HOLMES has erected the Pavilion at the Southern extremity of the enclosure for the accommodation of Subscribers to the Race Fund for 1870, and for the Public. A Multitude from the Grand Stand Enclosure free.

Entrance for the Public from the Road (by ticket only).

Tickets of Admission to the Pavilion and Commodious Stands including Tiffin, each day, $1; to be had at the Hongkong Hotel.

Tiffin from 1 to 3 p.m.

Refreshments, Wines, Beer, and Spirits of the best quality.

Private Tiffin Rooms can be engaged by applying to the proprietor.

For the convenience of Visitors, a Telegraph will be placed fronting the Cosmopolitan Stand, announcing the numbers of the Horses starting for each race. The winner will be posted within half-a-minute of the Judge's decision.

Every attention will be given by the proprietor to the comfort and convenience of his guests, as he is determined to merit the continuance of the patronage which was so liberally accorded him on former occasions.

N.B.—Ladies unaccompanied by gentlemen not admitted
tf 258 Hongkong, February 5th, 1870.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Share Certificates of the Company are now ready for issue, in exchange for the existing receipts, for first and second Calls, or from Scrip Certificates, on payment of a fee of One Dollar, and Shareholders are requested to apply for them at the Office of the Company, No. 30, *Queen's Road*, Hongkong.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
tf 4 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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IN accordance with paragraph No. 110 of the Articles of Association of this Company, the Half-yearly Interest at the rate of 12% per annum on the paid up Capital is now due.

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1w 246 Hongkong, 5th February, 1870.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GUEDES & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
THIS DAY,
the 9th day of February, 1870, at the Store of T. Coates, (late Moses, Tripp, Peacock & Co.) No. 1314, *Queen's Road*, at noon.—
Fancy COATINGS and TROUSERINGS, WHITEYS, Black BROAD CLOTH, Pilot CLOTH, Cardigan JACKETS, FLANNELS, Crimson SHIRTS, SCARVES, NECK-TIES, Hearth and Travelling RUGS, CARPETS.
An Invoice of assorted Christy's HATS.
TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
257 Hongkong, 7th February, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on No. 7, Pedhill Terrace, *Eight Street*,
THIS DAY,
the 9th instant, at 2 P.M.—
The whole of the Elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising TABLES, CHAIRS, SOFAS, Marble-top MIRROR, PICTURES, CARPETS, Music STOOL and CANTERBURY, SIDEBOARD, Table and Hanging LAMPS, VASES, Dinner SERVICE, Electro PLATED and GLASSWARE, Ice CHEST, Iron BEDSTEAD with MATTRESS and PILLOWS, Cheval GLASS, FENDER and IRONS, WASHSTAND, Shanghai BATH TUB, &c., &c.
Also,
1 Fire-proof SAFE.
&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
244 Hongkong, 5th February, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction,
TO MORROW,
the 10th February, 1870, at 12 o'clock,
At his Sales Rooms,
"COMMERCIAL BANK BUILDINGS,"
50 Pieces 13lbs. T. CANVAS.
10 Dozen SILK UMBRELLAS.
50 Cases, each 15 Large Bottles Superior GIN.
25 Cases BRANDY.
50 " Henessy's BRANDY.
25 " R. France & Co.'s Superior Quinine SHERRY.
25 Cases Quarts PORTER.
5 Bbls Principle BEER.
20 Cases Borden's MILK.
3 " Fancy Toilet SOAP.
100 Dozen Iron Rice PANS.
75 Pairs BOOTS.
25 Plate Glass MIRRORS.
25 Octagon CLOCKS, 8 inch cases.
25 Octagon CLOCKS, 8 inch cases.
8 Gold WATCHES.
RUGS, TOWELS, CLOTHS, FLANNELS, &c., &c., &c.
Also,
A Small Invoice of Japanese Straw CABINETS, WORK TABLES, CARD BOXES, NESTS of BOXES, Glove BOXES, Cigar CASES, &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
262 Hongkong, 9th February, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from F. I. HAZELAND, Esq., Deputy Sheriff of Hongkong, to sell by Public Auction, under a writ of *Fieri Facias*, on
THIS DAY,
the 11th day of Feb., 1870, at 11 o'clock A.M.
On the Premises,—
The contents of a CHANDLERY STORE, situated at No. 49 *Bonham Road, Praya.*
TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Sheriff of Hongkong.
General Managers.
tf 3 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership between CHARLES HENRY MORGAN and EDWARD NEWTON, under the style of MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., expires this day by lapse of time.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
tf 158 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

MR. EDWARD NEWTON will carry on, in his own name, the Godown and Storage business (lately MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.'s), and also that of Merchant and Commission Agent.
No. 4, *Praya.*
22nd January, 1870. [tf 157

NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this port, is prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks at Current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the world.
EDW. NORTON,
Agent.
tf 240 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL,—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this port, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.
EDWARD NORTON.
tf 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 10 days, ¼ of the annual rate.
Not exceeding 1 month, ½ do. do.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, ¼ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, ½ do. do.
EDWARD NORTON,
Agent for the Queen Insurance Company.
tf 242 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

REMOVAL.

THE Offices of the Company have been REMOVED to No. 12, *Pedder's Wharf.*
W. F. RUSSELL,
Secretary.
tf 254 Hongkong, 5th February, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE SOIREE intended to have been given at the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, is unavoidably POSTPONED till the following evening, THURSDAY, the 10th.
By order,
EDWARD BEART,
Secretary.
4d 255 Hongkong, 7th February, 1870.

FOR SALE, on board ship *Niagara*, a quantity of Navy BREAD, BUTTER in firkins, BEEF, PALE ALE, and CURRANTS.
Apply on board.
tf 119 Hongkong, 19th January, 1870.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

IT is proposed to form a Company under the above name, with a Capital of
2,000,000 DOLLARS,
IN 4,000 SHARES OF 500 DOLLARS EACH.

Fifty Dollars to be paid up on allotment, and Fifty Dollars six months after registration of the Company.

Directors—
The Honble. H. B. GIBB, of Messrs. GIBB, Livingston & Co.
The Honble. J. B. TAYLOR, of Messrs. Smith, Archer & Co.
E. A. HUTCHCOCK, Esq., of Messrs. Olyphant & Co.
A. MAC G. HEATON, Esq., of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co.
EDWD. ARTHUR, Esq., of The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.

HEAD OFFICE AT HONGKONG.

N. J. EDE, Esq., *Secretary ad Interim.*

The object of the Company is to insure against Fire, Buildings, Merchandise and other Property, and generally to pursue all other business of Fire Insurance, in Hongkong, China, Japan, or elsewhere.

The Company will commence business as soon as the Shares have been allotted.

The Company will be registered under "The Company's Ordinance of 1865," with limited liability, and the Deed of Association is in course of preparation.

The Company will be a permanent one.

The Division of the Nett Profits will be as follows:—

Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the amount of the paid-up Capital, and the balance carried to the Reserve Fund until the same shall have accumulated to the sum of $100,000. After which the Division of the Nett Profits will be as follows:—

Interest at the rated 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital.

Bonus of 25 per cent. to contributing Shareholders, rateably in proportion to the amount of nett premia contributed; and

The Balance to the Reserve Fund, until the same shall have accumulated to the sum of $500,000; after which the Nett Profits will be distributed in the manner following:—

Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital.

Bonus of 25 per cent. to contributing Shareholders, in proportion to their contributions, and of the remainder, one-half will be divided among the Shareholders, and one-half will be carried to the Reserve Fund until it shall have reached the sum of $1,000,000.

The Board of Directors will consist of not less than five, nor more than Seven Shareholders, two of whom shall retire annually, being, however, eligible for re-election.

The Funds will be in the hands of the Directors for investment, in such manner as they may deem most advantageous for the interests of the Company.

Forms of application for shares may be procured from the interim Secretary, at the temporary Offices of the Company, No. 2, D'Aguilar Street.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary ad interim.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

To the Directors of the
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,—hereby request that you will allot to Shares in the above named Company, and agree to accept such Shares, or any number, you may allot to and to pay the first Call of $50 per Share on allotment, as well as any subsequent Calls that may be made, and to sign the Deed of Association whenever required to do so.
Your obedient Servant,
Full Name and Address of the Applicant.
tf 261 Hongkong, February 5th, 1870.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer Books of the above Company will be closed from This Day to the 15th instant.
By Order of the Board,
G. N. MINTO,
Secretary.
14d 216 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE First Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders, will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, at 3 P.M. on MONDAY, the 14th instant, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts.
By Order of the Board,
G. N. MINTO,
Secretary.
&c., &c., &c.
The whole may be viewed on and after Wednesday, 9th February, 1870. Catalogues will be ready in a few days.
Terms of SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
229 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on
FRIDAY,
the 11th instant, at Noon,—
on their Praya Premises,
An Invoice of OLD YELLOW METAL.
A quantity of WIRE and Europe HOPS.
100 Cases Pints PORTER.
100 " Quarts do.
47 Casks " BEER.
9 Cases " CHAMPAGNE.
5 " Pints do.
5 Casks Pipe CLAY.
10 " Superior Salt SALMON.
And in their Auction Room,
An Invoice of Coward's Gilmour's STORES, comprising MUSTARD, SALAD OIL, VINEGAR, PICKLES, SAUCES, CAPERS, OLIVES, Lemon SYRUP, JAMS, TART FRUITS, Candied PEEL, CURRANTS, RAISINS, TAPIOCA, Pearl BARLEY, ARROWROOT, OATMEAL, MACARONI, CHEESE, &c., &c.
100 REVOLVERS.
Pocket KNIVES and SCISSORS.
50 Boxes CANDLES.
50 Cases TUMBLERS.
10 Pieces Striped LINEN.
Cotton TICKING, FLANNEL, White LINEN, TOWELLING.
50 Pairs Dawson's Superior BOOTS.
3 Cases BAD DE COLOGNE.
&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
281 Hongkong, 9th February, 1870.

NOTICE.

HEN-CHEUNG, Coach builder, No. 61, *Queen's Road East*, has new Velocipedes for Sale. He also undertakes to repair the same at moderate rates.
4w 253 Hongkong, 7th February, 1870.

THE Advertiser, Native of Holland, speaking and writing English fluently, acquainted with the German and French languages, is anxious to find employment in the Dry goods or any other line where he can make himself useful. Address X., *Daily Press* Office.
4w 266 Hongkong, 8th February, 1870.

Intimations.

THE VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $1,500,000, IN 8,000 SHARES OF $500 EACH.
PAID UP CAPITAL $380,000.
(OF WHICH ONE-HALF, OR 1,500 SHARES, HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPLIED FOR.)

Present Board of Directors,—
W. H. FORBES, Esq., (Messrs. Russell & Co.)
S. D. SASSOON, Esq., (Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons & Co.)
J. F. BUXEY, Esq., (Messrs. Eduljee Framjee, Sons & Co.)
HERMANN MELCHERS, Esq., (Messrs. Melchers & Co.)
H. DELBANCO, Esq., (Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris.)
AUGUSTINE HEARD, Esq., (Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co.)

Bankers,—
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office,—
HONGKONG.

General Agents,—
MESSRS. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

FIFTY Dollars per Share payable on allotment, and Fifty Dollars per Share payable on the first day of September next.

The Company will be registered with Limited Liability, under "The Companies Ordinance, 1865." The Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association can be seen at the Office of the General Agents, on and after the 18th February.

The Company will commence business on the first day of March, 1870.

Applications for Shares to be in the annexed form, forwarded under cover to the General Agents.

Of the remaining 1,500 Shares, 500 will be reserved for Old Hongkong and Canton, and applications received for them until the 15th day of March. Applications for the other 1,000 Shares will be received until the 25th instant, immediately after which the allotment of the shares will be made by the Directors. The allotment of the 500 reserved for China, Manila and Japan will be made on or before the 18th day of March.

An application for Shares, followed by an allotment thereupon, will constitute the applicant a Shareholder in the Company.

The Capital and Funds of the Company will be entirely under the control of the Board, and invested in such manner as the Directors may determine upon.

Interest at the rate of 12 per centum per annum will be paid to the shareholders upon the amount of their shares from the date of payment, and will be payable half-yearly, forming a first charge, upon the profits of the Company. Twenty per centum of the profits of the Company (after deducting such interest) will be distributed annually as a Bonus among contributing Shareholders proportionately to the amount of premia paid by them. The remainder of the profits of the Company will be applied to the formation and maintenance of a Reserve Fund, until the same reaches the amount of $150,000. When the Reserve Fund shall have reached that amount, 50 per centum of the profit remaining, after paying the interest to Shareholders, will be carried to Reserve Fund, until it shall be increased to $250,000; the other 50 per centum of such profit being paid as General Dividend to the Shareholders. After the Reserve Fund amounts to $250,000, the interest and Bonus will be paid as previously, and of the profit 30 per centum carried to Reserve Fund until the same reaches the sum of $1,000,000, the other 20 per centum of such profit being distributed as General Dividend to the Shareholders. After this, the whole of the profits remaining, after payment of the said interest and bonus (subject to the maintenance of the Reserve Fund at $1,000,000), will be divided among the shareholders as General Dividend.

Accounts to be taken, and Bonus and Dividend declared annually.

The object of the Company is to endeavour to obtain and secure that portion of the Fire Insurance business of the Colony, China, Manila and Japan, which at present goes to what may be called Foreign Insurance Companies, having only Agencies on here, and the Shareholders in which are in no way interested or concerned in the trade which so largely contributes to their profits. The existing Local Offices, The Hongkong, cannot take all the business offering, and experience has shown not only that there is a very large amount of such business to be obtained, but also the great inconvenience and even risk to which insurers are sometimes exposed from inability to cover the required amount on premises upon which, or their contents, the Local Office may already have a SHARE.

It is believed that satisfactory arrangements will be come to in conjunction with the other Local offices, not only for securing business, but also for strengthening the existing arrangements for prevention against and protection from fire.

Forms of application can be obtained from the General Agents.
Hongkong, 5th February 1870.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Directors of the
VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,—I request you to allot to me Shares of $500 each in the above Company; and I agree to accept that or any less number that may be allotted to me, and to pay the calls thereon; and I authorize you to place my name on the Register of Shareholders for the shares allotted.
Usual Signature.....
Name in full.....
Address in full.....
Date.....

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

FRESH Sealed Tenders will be received at this office until noon on the 14th instant, for Alterations and Repairs to be executed to the Supreme Court House.

Plans and Specifications may be seen, and a proper Form of Tender obtained, at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.
By Command,
J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 7th February, 1870. [7d 271

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1870.

GENTLEMEN desiring to enter for any of these Sports, can obtain lists of same from the undersigned. Lists can also be seen at both Clubs.

Sports take place on the Cricket Ground on 15th inst. A Bicycle race on 16th inst., of which particulars will be advertised shortly.
H. FOSS,
Hon. Secretary.
134 225 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

DENTISTRY
BY
VARNUM D. COLLINS, D. D. S.,
Office, 52, *Wyndham Street*. Patients visited at their residences when desired. Operative and Mechanical work at moderate rates.
tf 231 Hongkong, 1st February, 1870.

RACING AND OTHER SADDLERY.
RACING JACKETS, CAPS, BOOT TOPS, SPURS, AND WHIPS,
AND
MATERIAL FOR RACING BREECHES.
AT
BONNETT & Co.,
GENERAL DRAPERS.
Queen's Road Central.
105 Hongkong, 17th January, 1870.

Intimations.

FOR MANILA.

THE Spanish Steamship
"MANILA,"
is unavoidably POSTPONED until 4 P.M. TODAY, the 9th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
274 Hongkong, 9th February, 1870.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"CHINA,"
Capt. Gardner, will leave for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th inst., at 2 P.M.
Despatches will close at 1.30 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
93 275 Hongkong, 9th February, 1870.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.

THE Steamship
"YESSO,"
Capt. Ashton, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 236 Hongkong, 9th February, 1870.

STEAM TO SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"FORMOSA,"
will have quick dispatch for the above places.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 9th February, 1870. [tf 276

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"GANGES,"
will leave for the above place about 24 hours after the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 9th February, 1870. [tf 278

FOR SAIGON.

THE British ship
"BENVENUE,"
Capt. Muirhead, will be dispatched for the above port on the 14th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 279 Hongkong, 9th February, 1870.

FOUND, near the Albany, a black and white Japanese dog. Owner can have same on applying to the Inspector at the Central Police Station, and paying the expenses of this advertisement.
1w 280 Hongkong, 9th February, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. S. MAYERS in the firm of BONHAM, MAYERS & Co., ceased from the 20th instant.
The firm will now be conducted under the name and style of
BONHAM & HOEPLIGH.
1w 283 Yokohama 24th January, 1870.

HONGKONG RACE FUND, 1870.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA-SEA, SAIGON, & STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $600,000.
IN 6,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH,
$40 PER SHARE PAID-UP.

Directors:—
VISCOUNT DO CERGAL.
E. J. SAGE, Esq.
RICHARD DEACON, Esq.

A VERY large traffic exists between the Straits Settlements, Saigon and the Southern Ports of China, for which the present lines of Steam communication afford very inadequate accommodation, and this company has been organized with the view of supplying a need which has long been felt, especially by the Chinese Residents of the places indicated.

It is proposed to run a fortnightly line of Steamers between Hongkong, Saigon, and Singapore, in connection at Singapore with the steamers of the P. & O. S. N. Company, and very advantageous arrangements have been concluded with the French Authorities of Cochin-China, for the conveyance of the mails to and from Saigon. Extensions of this service are shortly contemplated.

Arrangements have also been made with the various lines of Coast Steamers for all the ports of China and Japan, for reciprocity in the carriage of freights and passengers, so that a minimum and useless competition may be avoided.

The *Oriolf*, with the good will of her Owners, has been purchased, and is now running. Another large and powerful steamer will shortly be placed on the route.

The Company has been registered with limited liability, under the Companies Ordinance of 1865.

Five hundred and thirty thousand Dollars of the Capital of the Company have been already subscribed, including reservations for Saigon and Singapore, and 101,700 shares remain for allotment by the Directors in Hongkong. The First Call of $15 per Share is payable on allotment, and the Second Call of $25 per Share in three months thereafter.

The Articles of Association may be seen, and Forms of Application for Shares had, at the Office of the Undersigned, or at the Office of HENRY C. CARDWELL, Esq., Solicitor to the Company.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

To the General Agents of
THE CHINA-SEA, SAIGON, & STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby request that the Directors will allot to me shares in the above company, and I agree to accept such shares, or any less number, which may be allotted to me, and to pay the Calls thereon to such amount, and at such times, and in such manner as may be authorized by the Articles of Association of the said company, and to subscribe to the Articles of Association when called on to do so.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
Name.....
Address.....

tf 237 Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

THE CHINA AND STRAITS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $560,000 IN 5,600 SHARES OF $100 EACH.
(Of which, $110,000 is already Subscribed).

PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
EDWARD ARTHUR, Esq.,
(Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.)
JULIUS MENKE, Esq.
(Messrs. Wm. Pustau & Co.)
GEORGE J. TEDLAND, Esq.
(Messrs. John Hurd & Co.)

BANKERS.—
CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, & CHINA.

HEAD OFFICE—
HONGKONG.
GENERAL AGENTS.—
MESSRS. JOHN BURD & Co.
PROPOSED AGENTS:—
SINGAPORE.—Messrs. Harrison, Smith & Co.
SWATOW.—Messrs. Dirckz & Co.
FOOCHOW.—Messrs. John Forster & Co.
SAIGON.—Messrs. Wm. G. Hale & Co.
AMOY.—Messrs. H. D. Brown & Co.
NINGPO.—Richard Tyrer, Esq.
SHANGHAI.—Messrs. Trautmann & Co.

TWENTY-FIVE Dollars per Share will be payable on the day of allotment, and twenty-five dollars per Share six months after that date, the remaining capital to be called up in small sums at such intervals as the Directors may deem expedient, but no further call shall be made until nine months after the payment of the second call.

The Company will be registered under "The Companies Ordinance, 1865" with Limited Liability, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association are in course of preparation. The Articles of Association will be ready for inspection, and copies procurable, at the Office of the General Agents, on and after the 15th instant.

The Board will consist of not less than three, nor more than five Directors, one of whom shall retire annually, being, however, eligible for re-election.

The Funds of the Company will be invested in such manner as may be determined on by the Directors.

So soon as a sufficient portion of the profits of the Company shall have been set aside to form a moderate Reserve Fund, the Directors have the discretionary power of returning to the Shareholders a bonus on the amount of Freight and Passage Money contributed by them, and the balance of profit will be annually divided between the Shareholders generally.

Until new Steamers are obtained from Europe, the Company will probably charter one or two vessels.

The object of the Company is steam navigation between the Straits and China, and on the Coast of China generally, but chiefly to run the Steamers between

PENANG, SINGAPORE, SAIGON, HONGKONG, SWATOW, and AMOY, in connection with the North China Steamer Company, for

FOOCHOW, NINGPO, SHANGHAI, YANGTSZE PORTS, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, and NEWCHWANG.

A number of the most influential Chinese and other merchants and traders in the Straits have already subscribed for Shares in the Company, and the Directors have little doubt that they will be able to secure and retain the bulk of the freight and passage traffic between the Straits and Amoy, the terminit of the Company's Main line.

Messrs. John Burd & Co. will act as General Agents for the first five years of the Company's operations.

Applications for the remaining $360,000 of Capital will be received at the Office of the General Agents until the 31st day of March, 1870.

Applications for Shares must be in the form annexed, and be forwarded under cover to the General Agents, from whom forms of application can be obtained.

An application for Shares, followed by an allotment, will constitute the applicant a Shareholder in the Company, under the terms of the Company's Articles of Association.

Hongkong, February 3rd, 1870.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Directors of
THE CHINA AND STRAITS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,—I request you to allot to me Shares of $100 each in the above Company; and I agree to accept that or any less number that may be allotted to me, and to pay the calls thereon; and I authorize you to place my name on the Register of Shareholders for the Shares allotted.

Usual Signature.....
Name in full.....
Address in full.....
Date.....

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EASTLACK & WINN.
Land Surveyors.

DR. WINN will leave Hongkong for Japan on or about the 1st of April next, to be absent 6 or 8 months, and therefore requests all persons desirous of consulting him Professionally, to do so at their earliest convenience.

tf 205 Hongkong, 1st February, 1870.

The Chronicle and Directory for 1870.

NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1870 is now ready for Delivery.

As already announced, the Directory is published in Two Forms, Complete at $5, or with the Lists of Residents and Port Directories only, at $3.

Copies may be obtained at the *Daily Press* Office, and of the following Agents:—

Messrs. DROWN & Co., Swatow.
" WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Amoy.
" HELLOE & Co., Foochow.
" LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
" KELLY & Co., do.
" WACHTEL, GROUS & Co., Japan.
Mr. L. P. FISHER, Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Tuesday morning at 10½, and the last messenger left the office at 10½.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1870.

The Opium statistics published in yesterday's paper, give an important illustration of the manner in which the competition of the native drug is now rapidly affecting the Indian Revenue. It will be observed that the while the sales for 1869 amounted to Rs. 50,94,000 for 3,745 chests, these for 1870 were only Rs. 49,86,695 for 4,000 chests, or a loss of Rs. 7,11,205. It is becoming every month more clear that the trade in foreign opium is destined to be diminished very considerably; and the effects which this will produce, commercially and politically, are becoming of more and more interest. The proposal that seems to have considerable weight in India, and is endorsed by some of the papers there, to meet the matter by a great reduction in the price of the Foreign Drug, will, it is to be feared, prove of little advantage. It will be in fact only playing into the hands of the Chinese officials, and enabling them to collect extra revenue inland. It is beyond question that the Mandarins are bent upon supporting the native cultivation, and will impose any amount of duty on the Foreign Drug that is necessary to secure this end. In an ordinary way, and with ordinary people, it might be concluded that a sense of their own interests would prevent them for imposing such heavy taxes as would drive away the Foreign Trade, as to exclude it, and so shut out what is a large source of revenue to them; and it might also be thought that they would stop at the point, at which even Chinese are compelled to stop imposing taxes, namely, where it becomes impossible to prevent smuggling; so that some moderation would be used. But experience proves that views of this nature do not influence the Chinese, and that they are always only too much inclined to sacrifice general principles of administration to expediency and immediate gain. If the price of the Foreign Drug be reduced in India, an extra duty to bring it up to its old price in China, will at once be imposed; and the amount lost to the Indian Revenue by reduction will simply go into the hands of the local Mandarins.

In the present state of information upon the subject, it would be obviously wrong to pronounce any opinion upon the terrible catastrophe in Japan, the news of which caused so profound a sensation on Monday last. Only a portion of the investigations into the collision, which resulted in the loss of the *Oneida*, has as yet come to hand, and it is clearly premature to form any opinion, worthy of the name, until the whole of the circumstances have been brought to light. The question, therefore, which, by last accounts, was under the consideration of the Naval Court, must at present be set aside; but it is impossible to refrain from at once expressing the deepest sympathy with those who have met so sudden and tragical an end, or to pass unnoticed one feature of the matter, which is of great importance, though it has not any bearing upon the issue of the question under consideration of the Court at Yokohama, or the blamability, or the contrary, of Captain Ezra, namely, the idea which seems to have sprung up in Yokohama, that there was something of an international nature in the matter. How this notion can have originated, it is almost beyond the power of imagination to conceive, and it can only be concluded that some hasty remarks, such as always spring up in times of great popular excitement, have had an importance attached to them far beyond anything that they deserve. It is impossible to believe that any man in his senses can consider that the question of the *Oneida's* nationality can have had the slightest influence on the Captain of the *Bombay*, or that it would be otherwise than grievously to wrong the American Community at Yokohama, to conclude that any such feeling was entertained by them generally. Most certainly so far as Hongkong is concerned, it may be stated without hesitation, that the very idea of such a thing being possible has been scouted as unworthy; and nothing would cause deeper regret both to Americans and Englishmen than that it should be thought such a feeling was for a moment entertained. On the contrary, this terrible catastrophe has been regarded by all as a common cause for sorrow; and, whatever judgment it may be right ultimately to frame on the subject, there is no one at least here, who is not sensible that deeper feelings even than those of nationality, must be stirred by such an event, and that no one can feel either the more or the less overwhelmed with sorrow, because those who met so sad an end either were or were not of his own nation; nor can anyone think of imagining that it could be otherwise with the Captain of the *Bombay*. It would be unfair to the Americans at Yokohama to take the hasty opinions of a few men, speaking under all the heat of popular excitement, as an illustration of the calmer thought generally pervading the Community; or to doubt that, when the matter is fully investigated, and it is possible to form a true judgment upon it, the Americans not only there, but here, and in all parts of the world, will show themselves desirous only of doing what is right, and of having the true facts connected with this lamentable occurrence fairly displayed and justly dealt with.

An error was made in yesterday's Police Report with respect to the Regiment to which Private Morris belongs. It was stated as the 75th, whereas it should have been the 10th Regiment.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BEFORE JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.
February 8th.

DRUNK.

William Jones was brought up for being drunk and insensible. As it was his first run on shore, he was discharged.

A QUIET DISPOSITION.

George Wright was taken into custody by a constable, who considered him by no means right in the head, as he was declaring his firm resolution of killing somebody, (the particular individual not specified), and being hanged for it. Before the Bench, he declared that that was by no means his disposition. In fact, he was a most peaceful man, and was going up to Canton in a junk. He was sent to the American Consul, who returned him with thanks. He was then sent to gaol.

ENDANGERING THE PUBLIC SAFETY.

As Mr. May was riding yesterday along Queen's road, going west, on approaching Dr. Murray's house he saw fire or six Chinamen dragging a timber-truck laden with long bamboos. When they got to the descent, they allowed the truck to go by its own impetus, so that they had no control over it. Mr. May motioned them to stop, and the only way they could do so, was by running the ends of the bamboos against a tree by the way side. Thinking an admonition would be sufficient, he administered one, and proceeded. He had only gone a few yards, however, when he heard them again, and turned round and rode after them. They were then driving the truck at a rapid rate along the road. He stopped them, and brought the leader to the station. He had had several instances of men receiving injuries from the reckless driving of timber-trucks, and thought it necessary, therefore, to take this step.

Fined £5, or 14 days' imprisonment.

FIRING CRACKERS.

Twelve persons charged with this offence were reminded for a week, his Worship remarking that the only way to stop it was to give them lots of trouble. If anything more of the kind occurred within the week, they would be severely fined, otherwise lightly.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.

The five men charged with introducing counterfeit coin into the colony, were again brought up on remand. Mr. Brereton appeared to watch the case for the prisoners. The Lokong who had accompanied Inspector Grey to the shop, gave the evidence corroborating that of the latter. Mr. Creagh thus stated that he had no further evidence to offer against the prisoners, who, represented by Mr. Brereton for Mr. Caldwell, reserved their defences. They were then committed to the first General Sessions of the Supreme Court. Leung-yee and Lee Lum-chuen to remain their bail, each in two sureties of $1,000 each. Chow-a-mat and Hoa-yeung admitted to bail in two sureties, $250. Tang-a-keung admitted to bail in two sureties, $50 each. The last named is only a workman employed in the shop.

A BAD DOLLAR.

Tam-a-sing was charged with replacing a good dollar with a bad one. The subject had gone to his shop to buy some articles, for which they were to pay $1.75. They gave him two Mexicans without chop, and he went out for change, returning with one chopped dollar, which proved to be a bad one. Of course he said he could not get it changed, as it was bad. The sailor to whom the dollar originally belonged had had a five dollars note changed just before the transaction. The case was remanded for two days, to procure the attendance of the man who had changed this note. Defendant admitted to bail in $50.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

I. C. Medina summoned William Gardner, of the Hamburg Tavern, for using abusive and insulting language to him, whereby a breach of the peace might have been occasioned. Defendant admitted that he might have used too strong language, urging great provocation as an excuse. He was fined $1, and cautioned.

A similar charge was brought against one Newman, a watchman at a licensed gambling-house, by Sydney Bateman. It seemed that Newman and Bateman had a close competition as to who was to be complainant and who defendant in the case. Bateman won the race, by getting his summons taken out first. The complainant is on bail for his good behaviour now. They were both cautioned, and defendant discharged.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Constantino Valerio, of the Rose and Crown Tavern, charged Christopher Dalitto, formerly his partner, with creating a disturbance in his house, and threatening to shoot him and the Chinaman behind the bar. Defendant denied both charges, which were, however, substantiated by Hansen, the barman. Fined $5, and also to find security in two sureties, $50 each, for three months.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE CHIEF-JUSTICE SMALE.

High Alexander Maclean, an adjudicated bankrupt, came up for his last examination. No creditors opposed. In answer to questions from the Chief Justice, it appeared that in June last MacLean was put in goal for debt. Hearing of an opportunity to obtain employment, he petitioned the judge of the Bankruptcy Court to be released, and was released on giving an undertaking to pay out of his salary the sum of $25 per month to the official assignee, for the benefit of his creditors. He left the Colony shortly after, in command of the ship *Lowfong*, and resumed in command of her two months and twenty-two days when he was dismissed in Manila, where the vessel then was, by his employers, who paid him in full. The bankrupt at first explained that he was dismissed for objecting to the manner in which the ship was ballasted, and further that the owners wished to vary the voyage, but being pressed, he admitted that he had beaten several persons employed on board and had infringed the harbour regulations at Manila. After having paid his passage over to this Colony from Manila, he arrived with $400 in his pocket, but out of this sum had never paid a cent into the Court as agreed.

After examining the bankrupt at considerable length, the Chief-Justice remarked that he did not in the slightest wonder that he (MacLean) had been discharged by his employers. A master who treated his crew in the manner just described, was not fit to command any vessel. If had been from real misfortune on the part of the bankrupt that no money had been paid into Court for the creditors' benefit, some excuse might have been found, but under the circumstances as they did exist, no excuse could be found. Although he should allow him to pass this last examination, he should withhold the protection of the court from this time, and the bankrupt would accordingly be liable to be imprisoned for his debts as much now as though he had never been adjudicated a bankrupt. The creditor, who had on a former occasion opposed, Mr. McNulty, could now send him to prison whenever he chose. He, the Chief-Justice, felt very strongly in regard to this case, and he thought Messrs. Walkes, Smith & Co., who had employed the bankrupt, and who had promised to retain and pay into court the sum of $25 out of the MacLean's monthly pay, had not treated the court rightly. He thought the official assignee ought to sue them in the Summary Jurisdiction Court for the amount they should have paid. The application for discharge would be postponed for a month, but meantime the protection of the Court was withdrawn.

Leung-wah-ting, an adjudicated bankrupt, came up to pass his last examination. It will be remembered that this individual, who described himself as a tinsmith and brazier, figured very prominently in an action brought in the Supreme Court some months since, by one Shuk Ali, who sought to recover possession of certain bales of silk which he claimed to have purchased from two Amanese merchants. The bankrupt then appeared to have acted as a sort of middle man between the two parties, and on his evidence principally the case went in plaintiff's favor. The bankrupt claimed to have bought the silk from the Amanese, and to have sold it on his own account, while the Amanese supposed him to be acting merely in the capacity of broker and interpreter. Shuk Ali, who purchased the silk, paid to Leung-wah-ting the sum of $1,800 on account, who, thereupon immediately disappeared from the colony, and on his return said that his accountant had bolted with the money, and left at once went into bankruptcy.

Mr. Caldwell, on behalf of the Amanese merchants, who had proved as creditors, appeared to oppose, and after a very lengthened examination into the details of this silk transaction, the further examination was adjourned until to-day, at half past one. Mr. Sharp appeared for the bankrupt.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited to the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the offices of the Company, Club Chambers, Hongkong, on Monday, February 14th, 1870.

To the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

GENTLEMEN,—In terms of the 32nd Article of the New Articles of Association, the Directors have pleasure in submitting to you their Report for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1869. The Docks have been well employed, and the gross receipts of the company amount to $168,101.22, which, after paying all expenses, yield a net profit of $40,173.41. This result the Directors hope will be considered satisfactory, as the net gains compare most favorably with those derived from the gross earnings of late years.

The new Jetty at Aberdeen, fitted with a very superior pair of shears, and new boiler shed and work-shops, mentioned in last Report, have been completed, so that now the company is prepared to undertake engineering work at Aberdeen that could not formerly have been promptly executed. Direct steamers have laid down off the Docks to the great convenience of vessels.

The company's property at Whampoa is in a very efficient state, and communis a large share of work. In the Engineering Department much heavy work has been done, that the Directors are assured could not have been successfully undertaken elsewhere in China. The dispute with the Contractor of the Lookaun Dock still remains unsettled.

The Yard at Wanchai receives a fair amount of support, and is useful for small jobs.

The steamer *Enche* has lately been examined at Whampoa and is reported in good working order.

The Directors have paid off another $5,000 of the debt due the Estate of John Lamount, and the loan now stands at $23,309.18, which they propose redeeming at once to $110,000, by the payment of $15,309.18, out of the amount carried forward in reserve.

DIVIDEND.

The Directors recommend that a Dividend be paid for the half-year at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. The amount available for distribution, including $18,190.80 brought forward from last account, is..... $56,334.21
3 per cent for the half-year on the capital is..... $22,500
Amount appropriated for distribution amongst Contributing Shareholders..... 6,000
Remuneration to Directors.. 2,500
" " Auditors.. 250
$31,250.00
Leaving a Balance which is carried to new account of $27,114.21

AMALGAMATION

With Union Dock Company was, in accordance with the Resolution of the Shareholders on the 17th August, submitted to a Special Meeting on the 26th January, when the terms demanded by the Union Dock Company were rejected.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. M. P. Yuke and J. Hart, elected at the last General Meeting, are by the Directors recommended for re-election.

DIRECTORS.

In accordance with the 60th Article of the Deed of Association Messrs. Bertrand and Macauley retire from the Board, and Mr. Bertrand offers himself for re-election.

W. KEswICK,
Chairman.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT, JULY TO DECEMBER, 1869.

ASSETS.

Hongkong.

To value of Cooper's Dock.....	$211,522.40	
To value of Lookaun Dock	36,126.37	
To value of Shears.....	9,000.00	
" Whampoa.....	17,574.61	
To value of New House	5,520.00	
" Stock on hand	70,183.39	
		$349,623.77

Aberdeen.

To value of Hope Dock...	$250,000.00	
" " Lamount's Dock	175,000.00	
" " Engine and Blacksmith's Shop.....	42,311.21	
To value of Hulk *Colerlint*.....	5,894.86	
To value of Aberdeen Jetty.....	12,940.80	
To value of Stock on hand.....	27,587.16	
		$514,034.13

Hongkong Yard, Wanchai.

To value of House and Shed.....	$1,520.00	
To value of Stock on hand.....	9,185.43	
		10,705.43
To value of steamer *Enche*.....		35,000.00
To Sundry Debtors.....		74,770.66
		$984,133.99

LIABILITIES.

By Shareholders for paid up Capital.....	$750,000.00	
By John Lamount.....	125,309.18	
" H.M. Government.....	47,428.25	
" Sundry Creditors.....	3,037.35	
		925,774.78
By Balance Profit and Loss account last year	18,190.80	
By Profit for 6 months to 31st December.....	40,173.41	
		58,364.21
		$984,138.99

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

To amount paid for materials used in Dock work from 1st July to 31st December, 1869.	$78,158.26
To amount paid for Labour at Whampoa, and wages same period.....	17,591.14
To amount paid for labour at Aberdeen and wages same period.....	11,415.05
To amount paid for labour at Wanchai and wages same period.....	6,388.91
To amount paid Secretary's salary and extra remuneration	3,150.00
To amount paid for Law expenses and cost of preparing and printing new Articles of Association	1,631.39
To amount paid for Sundry charges at Hongkong, Whampoa, and Aberdeen.....	4,265.15
To amount Towage account.....	4,280.00
To amount Messing account.....	750.00
	127,627.31
To Balance.....	40,173.41
	$168,101.22
By Gross amount of the Whampoa and Aberdeen Docks and Wanchai Yard, from 1st July to 31st December, 1869.....	$168,101.22
	$168,101.22

E. & O. E.
GEORGE NESBIT MINTO, *Secretary.*

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Company, and certify that the above statements are in accordance therewith.

M. P. YUKE,
J. HART, } *Auditors.*

Hongkong, 7th February, 1870.

A Chinaman recently carried off the prize for ploughing at the Oregon State Fair.

A rather novel bankruptcy case came recently before Mr. Commissioner Winslow. An application for release from custody was made by a commercial clerk named Drysdale, and no one opposed his release except his wife, who, indeed, his only creditor. He ascribes his failure to being out of employment, and to a suit for restitution of conjugal rights brought against him by his wife in 1866. Her claim is stated at £72 10s. The wife appeared in person, and was very loud in her denunciation of her husband's conduct. An offer had been made by him through his counsel to allow her £50 a year. The application was ordered to stand over for few days.

HARD LABOUR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—I venture to make a suggestion to the Powers that be, which I hope may be taken into consideration. I observe that the European prisoners who are sentenced to hard labour, are made to work with wheelbarrows, &c., in precisely the same way as the Chinese prisoners. Although I am by no means inclined to call for undue leniency or consideration for men who have broken the laws and subjected themselves to punishment, I would suggest that it might be well if some other mode of hard labour were found for these men, if merely for the sake of avoiding allowing them to appear before the Chinese in so degraded a position, and thereby detracting in some degree from the *prestige* on side which with Chinese, as with all Oriental nations, it is absolutely necessary to keep up.

Yours faithfully,
ENGLISHMAN.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1870.

TELEGRAPHS TO CHINA.

THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—I observe that, in recently commenting upon the probability or otherwise of telegraph lines from home to China, proving a paying speculation, you express an opinion that the Chinese will not avail themselves very greatly of them, because they are not in the habit of resorting to competition in trade in the same manner as is the case with foreigners; and you appear to be under the impression that, being combined in large Guilds, they will not wish to avail themselves individually of this means of obtaining information from home. Although I am quite prepared to go with you in believing it must be a matter of time to induce the Chinese to adopt the telegraph, no indeed must he be one with all things, I am not disposed to attach so much importance to the question of the Guilds, because, as is well known, although these bodies are combined up to a certain point, within specified limits the conduct of business is left to individuals, who will find it to their direct advantage to be thoroughly posted as to the latest news. It would be hazardous to venture any definite opinion upon what changes will be brought about; but it is quite certain that when the telegraph is established, a totally different class of business will arise; and much that is now done by Commission Houses upon written instructions, will then not be so common, pinched without reference home, to the Straits, or to India, as the case may be. A great deal of the business that is transacted by foreigners on account of Chinese will be settled only after telegraphic reference, and it will, I think, be found before the line has been long in operation, that it will in a great degree create a business for itself.

Yours faithfully,
PROGRESS.

Hongkong, February 8th 1870.

A MIRACLE IN KENTUCKY.

A strange story (says the *Lexington Statesman*) is current among the coloured people, and is exciting some of them quite too much for their happiness. It is as follows:—Some time ago (not long, however,) a child died, and its body was duly confined and taken to the burying-ground. There it was deposited alongside of the newly-opened grave. After the "service at the grave" a negro man took hold of the coffin to hand it down into the grave, but, to his astonishment, he could not move it. He called to his assistance another stout fellow, and the two tried but failed to budge the coffin. Two more came to their help, and the four had no more power over it than they would over a mountain of granite. The coffin clung tight to the ground as if glued. This astonishing turn of affairs called for an explanation, and it was determined to open the coffin and see what was inside of it. It was done, and behold the child was found to be alive. Further examination developed the fact that there was printed upon the bottom of its feet these words:—"There has been no preacher in Heaven for eleven hundred years." The negroes say that the Lord did not intend to let that child be buried alive, and so took this method of preventing it. It is our opinion that some playing upon the credulity of these people for sinister purposes.

THE CAPE.

The following items, brought from the above place, which are taken from the *Calcutta Englishman*, are of interest:—

The greater part of the Cape Colony was visited during the last week of October with unusually heavy storms of rain, causing a general flooding of the rivers, in which bridges were carried away, and two or three lives lost. A number of cattle were also drowned, and communications were generally interrupted for some days, until the water had somewhat subsided.

Several parties have struck gold quartz at Tulin diggings, and the great complaint is still the want of proper crushing machines. More favorable returns are said to be likely to await the diggers at the Kaap Gold Fields, and Mr. John Swinburne has gone there for the purpose of exploring and securing a grant.

Reports have been received from two different sources that Moshesh, the great Chief of the Kaffirs, is dead, and that his death is likely to lead to quarrels amongst the Kaffirs themselves as to his successor. At the same time the Kaffirs are said to be posing very insolent in their behaviour to the neighbouring settlers, and lately tied up and severely assaulted one for warning them off his lands. They openly announce that they will go where they like in pursuit of game.

A seam of coal, said to be of good quality, has been discovered on the banks of the Vaal River, near Bopetown.

CHRISTMAS IN TASMANIA.

To the Editor of the "Times of India."

SIR,—Knowing that very many of your readers take a great interest in Tasmania, I take the liberty of sending you an extract from a little book of Mr. Hull's, showing how the present festive season of Christmas is spent in that lovely little island. "I give the following little sketch of a Tasmanian Christmas. It is not my own, but I can vouch for its truthfulness. The English reader must picture to himself a Christmas day passed amidst the scenes of summer; a population turning out on New Year's Day to play at cricket, or to make pleasure excursions on the waters; and an exhibition of flowers and fruit in December. We are the antipodes of home. The 21st of December is our longest day. The thermometer frequently stands at 100 Fahrenheit in the shade in the parlour. Now the citizen chooses the shady side of the street, or indoors throws up the window and lets down the blind. Beyond the precincts of town the country is one vast expanse of verdure; the tall corn waving in the gentle summer breeze, while hay-making is going on, or some early crop ripens, by its yellow hues, the sickle of the reaper. In the garden one is pleased with flowers of every hue, and tempted by luscious fruit. The farmer flings himself on his back on the lawn, and with merry child faces around him, eats strawberries with cream to a delicious extent. In our evergreen forests the cattle begin to seek the shelter of the trees, under whose grateful shade in some cool brook, the boys are wont to bathe. Furzepuss is green and gold, flash past with their brilliant colours; the birds are merrily singing; and the locust makes his summer life one ceaseless song. No fire can be borne save in the kitchen, doors and windows are thrown open, flowers and evergreens grace the dining rooms for each of the traditional holly; but the *roast beef* and plum *pudding* of old England retain their place of honor on the festive board. At that board, the colonist, mindful of the custom of fatherland, unites his family, and after service in the neighbouring Church, entertains his friends with grace and no stinted hospitality. And if Christmas does not come to him with the old associations of his youth, with its wind in gusts howling through leafless trees or fast falling snow,—if scene and clime and season invest the festival with a different aspect to that familiar to the Englishman at home, he is not the less happy; nor is he saddened by the reflection that his neighbour is too poor to enjoy with him the good things of the season with its holiday and feasting; for it is *Christmas* to every man, woman, and child in Tasmania, and there are none so poor that they cannot have in abundance the unincumbered fare; and on all sides is heard the old English greeting "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" As the daughters of the Pharaohs, wooing the gilded bulls of their foreign husbands sighed for a draught of the waters of the sacred Nile, so do the daughters of Tasmania, under the rich fruits and gorgeous flowers of the tropics and living in palaces, yet sigh for the lovely climate of their own loved home, and prefer the scent of the simple mimosa to the most noble rhododendron of the Sikkim Himalaya."

TASMANIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE PACIFIC MAIL.

The P.M.S.S. *China*, arrival yesterday, with dates from San Francisco to the 2nd January, and from Yokohama to February 1st. The European news has already been anticipated by telegram, and there is no further news from Yokohama, the Court of Enquiry concerning the collision between the P. & O. steamer *Bombay* and the U. S. S. *Oneida*, having been adjourned over this Chinese New year.

DEATH OF EX-SECRETARY STANTON.

The *Alta California* announces the death of ex-Secretary of War Stanton. The following is a summary of the telegrams relating to this subject:—

Ex-Secretary of War Justice E. M. Stanton died at Washington on the 24th December, at three o'clock, of congestion of the heart. Mr. Stanton had been confined to his bed about a week. The President and Vice-President called the previous Sunday, on the 54th anniversary of his birthday, when the former tendered him the appointment of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, for which Mr. Stanton expressed his gratitude and acceptance. On the 23rd Mr. Stanton complained of sickness, but his family were not alarmed, as he had been in a worse condition previously. Shortly after midnight his symptoms became alarming, and Surgeon General Barnes, who was present on his accustomed visit, found it impossible to afford relief. Rev. L. Starkey, of the Church of the Epiphany (Protestant Episcopal), was summoned, but shortly afterward the sufferer lost consciousness and was unable to converse with any one. The palpitations of his heart ceased for a few seconds, and then returned, the breathing being very faint, but it was not until half an hour before his death that his family could realize that he was dying. About 4 o'clock A.M. he expired, quietly passing away without a struggle. At 10 o'clock in his last moments were his family, consisting of Mrs. Stanton and four children.

A large number of prominent citizens called at the residence of the late Secretary Stanton on the day of his death. The President issued an order announcing his death to the people, paying high tribute to the official labors of Mr. Stanton, and directing all the Departments to be draped in mourning and closed on the day of the funeral. Secretary Belknap also issued an order, announcing Stanton's decease, highly eulogistic of his character and services, and directing proper military honors to be observed on the day of the funeral.

The funeral took place on the 27th December and was largely attended. The services were merely those of the Presbyterian and Protestant Episcopal Church, performed by the Rev. Dr. Stocker, of the Church of the Epiphany, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pinkley, of the Ascension, and Rev. Dr. Sparrow. Among those present were President Grant and the officers of his household, with Vice-President Colfax, the Senate and Representatives, the Judges of the Supreme and Cabinet, Judges of the Supreme and District Courts, officers of the Army, of the War Department, and the principal officers of the Navy and Marine service. The diplomatic corps was represented by Minister Thornton and others. The City Council and members of the bar and a large number of other citizens were also in attendance. Only a few intimate friends of the family were privileged to see his face previous to closing the coffin in the chamber where he died. The South Simplon was used on this occasion; the coffin was covered with wreaths, crosses and bouquets of the choicest flowers. Many mourners followed the remains, with expressions of affection and condolence. The procession was not large, through the prevalence of a rain storm. The remains were conveyed to Oak Ridge Cemetery for interment.

The commission of Stanton, as Associate Justice, had not been issued at the time of his death, but in the course of the day the President signed and sent forward a commission to his widow as a mark of respect. A meeting of the members of the House of Representatives, held on the 26th December, adopted appropriate resolutions of respect and condolence, and decided to attend the funeral in a body.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN THE BOROUGH.

An inquest was held on the 19th November, at St. George's Vestry Hall, Southwark, by Mr. Payne, into the cause of the death of Susan Goddard, aged 15, whose body was found in the ruins of the house No. 101, Great-Suffolk-street, Borough, which was burnt down last Wednesday morning (Nov. 17). Mr. Reginald Ward, assistant-solicitor to the Metropolitan Board of Works, watched the inquiry in the interest of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade; Mr. R. Gabbett was present on behalf of the County Fire-office; and Mr. Superintendant Garforth represented the Commissioners of Police. The body having been identified by the father of the deceased, William Goddard, a lodger in the house in question, which was a licerhouse, called the Bath Arms, deposed that on Wednesday morning shortly after 2 o'clock, he was awoke from sleep by a loud knocking at the street door. There was smoke in the room, and he ran down to get out of a window. As he did so he knocked against the door of the room occupied by the deceased, who was sent to Mr. Dunton, the landlord, who received no answer. He got out of a window and reached a wall, where he stood, and from which he could see the flames shooting up from the lower part of the house. The landlord also got out of a window undressed. The fire-escape did not arrive for about a quarter of an hour or 20 minutes after he was awoke. The floors had given way, and the whole house was on fire before the fire-escape arrived. In reply to Mr. Ward, the witness said he was much excited at the time of the fire. He could said he should be able to prove that not nearly so long a time had elapsed between the breaking out of the fire and the arrival of the fire-escape. James Newby, who slept in the same room as the last witness, said he believed it was fully half an hour before the alarm of fire when the first engine arrived at the house. George Yaxley, who also slept in the room occupied by the two previous witnesses, deposed that he came home on the Tuesday night, or rather early morning, at half-past 12 o'clock. At the bar of the beerhouse he lighted a candle with a match, and went up to bed. All the lights were then out. When the cry of "fire" was raised he got out of a window by a ladder procured by the police. Previously he knocked at the door of the deceased and heard a groan in the room. From the time he got down into the street by the ladder and the arrival of the fire-escape about a quarter of an hour elapsed. John Still, constable 149 M, said that when he saw the light inside the Bath Arms he knocked and the woman came from the shutters, he went for the fire-escape, which arrived in eight or ten minutes afterwards. It came up from St. George's Church at a running pace. The engines arrived in about a quarter of an hour afterwards. At the time the fire-escape arrived the first floor had fallen in. Sergeant Richard Croucher, 2 M, deposed that when he came up to the house the fire was burning fiercely, and the fire-escape arrived in about seven or eight minutes afterwards. Witness took a fireman went up the escape to a top window, but the smoke was so dense they could not get in. It was impossible at the time to save the life of the deceased. George Dunton, the landlord, said everything looked safe when he and his wife went to bed. In the course of the night his wife awoke him and said, "There is something wrong," and he then heard a violent knocking at the street door. He at once jumped out of bed and opened the room door, when the rush of an immense quantity of thick smoke into the room compelled him to shut the door again. He then cut down a clothes-line and tied it to the bedposts, and told his wife to hold to fast to the latter. Having slid down the line into the yard, he put a ladder to the window of the room,—the back room, first-floor,—and told his wife, "Get on the ladder, for I cried out to his wife, "Get on the ladder, for your life!" His wife then got down to the yard, and he re-ascended and took his little boy, who lay asleep on the bed, in his arms and carried him down safely. Again he ascended the ladder and threw out some clothes, as he asked, when he reached the yard again, as the flames were now bursting forth furiously, if every person had escaped from the house, and he was answered in the affirmative. He asked if any one had seen the deceased, and he was told that no one had seen her. By the aid of a ladder he gained the roof of the little room where the deceased slept. Having hauled up the ladder, he broke with it a skylight of the room, and put down the ladder through it. Smoke came up from the room as he broke the skylight. He cried out to the deceased, "For your life's sake, take hold of the ladder!" He distinctly

PACIFIC MAIL.

Arrival yesterday, with dates to the 2nd January, inclusive. February 1st. The steady news anticipated. There is no further news from the Enquiry concerning the P. & O. steamer *Rose-Castle*, having been ashore last year.

GEORGE EASTON.

PERSONAL.

Mr. EDWIN STANTON.

We announce the death of Mr. Stanton. The following is the telegrams relating to the death:

Washington, Dec. 24.

Justice E. M. Stanton died at 4 o'clock on the 24th December, at his residence, of disease of the heart. Mr. Stanton had retired to his bed about a week before, and Vice-President Colfax called on the fifth anniversary of his nomination for the office, tendered the resignation of Associate Justice Grier, upon which Mr. Stanton expressed his gratitude and accepted. Mr. Stanton complained of feeling very well, and his friends were alarmed, as his condition previously had been very precarious. His symptoms became alarming, and General Barnes, who was summoned, visited, found it impossible to rally. Rev. R. Stuckey, of the Church of the Epiphany (Protestant Episcopal), but shortly afterwards lost consciousness and was unable to speak to any one. The end came so quietly that for a few seconds after the breathing ceased it was difficult to realize that he was dead. At half an hour before midnight all the Departments were closed, and the day of his funeral was made a public holiday. The President issued a proclamation announcing his death, and directing that all the Departments be draped in mourning and closed on the day of the funeral. Rev. Dr. Pierce, of Boston, will pronounce a eulogium on the character and services of the late Secretary Stanton, and military honors will be observed at the funeral.

The funeral will take place on the 27th December, at Christ Church, Georgetown. The services will be conducted by the Presbyterian and Protestant Episcopal clergy, and performed by the Rev. Dr. Pierce, of the Church of the Epiphany, of which he was a member, assisted by the Rector of the Ascension and Rev. Mr. Stuckenberg. Among those present were the President and the officers of his household, President Colfax, the Senators and Representatives now in the city, the members of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the Army, of the War Department, the principal officers of the civil service. The diplomatic corps, represented by Minister Thornton and the City Council and many others, and a large number of citizens were also in attendance. Only the most intimate friends of the family were allowed to see his face previously to his coffin in the chamber where he died. The display was the finest ever witnessed on such occasions in the city, the office was filled with crosses and bouquets of flowers. Many accompanied the expressions of affection and condolence with the profoundest appreciation. The procession was not large, through the rain storm. The remains were taken to Oak Ridge Cemetery for interment.

Mr. Justice Stanton, as Associate Justice, was sworn in, and he was present at the time of his decease. At the close of the day the President sent the commission to his widow as a mark of respect. A meeting of the House of Representatives, held on the 27th December, adopted appropriate resolutions of respect and condolence, and delivered a eulogy.

FIRE IN THE BOROUGH.

An inquest was held on the 19th November, at the Workhouse, Southwark, by Mr. Lankester, on the case of the death of Susan Ellis, 15, whose body was found in the house No. 131, Great Suffolk-street, which was burnt down last Wednesday, (Nov. 17). Mr. Reginald Ward, assistant to the Metropolitan Board of Works, made inquiry in the interest of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade: Mr. R. Gabbett was present on behalf of the County Fire-office; Superintendent Gurforth represented the Commissioners of Police. The body, discovered by the father of the deceased, was found on Sunday morning, lying on a ledger in the house in which was a bedstead, called the flats, and that on Wednesday morning, about 4 o'clock, he was awoken from sleep by a noise at the street door. There was a light in the room, and he ran down to get it, but when he did so he knocked at the door of the room occupied by the deceased, and went to Mr. Dunton, the landlord, but there was no answer. He got out of a window, reached a wall, where he stood, and he could see the flames shooting up from a part of the house. The landlord of a window undressed. The fire did not arrive for about a quarter of an hour after he was awoke. In 20 minutes after he was awoke the girl was gone, and the whole house was before the fire-escape arrived. In Mr. Ward, the witness said he was at the time of the fire. Mr. Ward had been able to prove that partly so much time had elapsed between the breaking out of the fire and the arrival of the fire-escape men, who slept in the same room as the girl, still he believed it was fully five minutes after the alarm of fire when the fire-escape arrived at the house. George Ward, who also slept in the room occupied by the previous witnesses, deposed that he went to bed on Tuesday night, or rather early in the morning, at half-past 12 o'clock. He had left the house lighted a candle, and went up to bed. All the girls had gone to bed before him. When the cry of "fire" was first heard he got out of a window by a ladder to the police. Previously he knocked at the door of the deceased and heard a groan in it. From the time he got down into the ledger and the arrival of the fire-escape men, about a quarter of an hour elapsed. A constable (49 M) said that when he was inside the flats, he of the shop, smoke issuing from the shutters. In a few minutes after the fire-escape, which arrived in eight minutes afterwards. It came up from St. Saviour's Church at a running pace. The fire had fallen in. Sergeant Richard (2 M) deposed that when he came to the house the fire was burning fiercely. The fire-escape arrived in about seven minutes afterwards. Witness and a fireman took up the escape to a top window, but the smoke was so dense they could not go in. It was impossible at the time to save life of the deceased. George Dunton, landlord, said everything looked safe when he left. In the course of the night his wife awoke himself and said, "Dick, there is something wrong," and he then heard a knocking at the street door. He at once got out of bed and opened the room door, when a rush of an immense quantity of thick smoke came up to the room compelled him to shut the door. He then cut down a clothes-line from the bedpost, and told his wife to get the latter. Having slid down the line to the yard, he got a ladder to the window of the back room, first-floor,—and then said to his wife, "Get on the ladder, for your life!" His wife then got down to the bottom of the ladder, and he helped her down safely, and then went up to her assistance, and succeeded in carrying her down the ladder. He then went up to the room, and ran down to get out of the house. He knocked at the door of the room, but there was no answer. He got out of a window, reached a wall, where he stood, and he could see the flames shooting up from a part of the house. The landlord of a window undressed. The fire did not arrive for about a quarter of an hour after he was awoke. In 20 minutes after he was awoke the girl was gone, and the whole house was before the fire-escape arrived. In Mr. Ward, the witness said he was at the time of the fire. Mr. Ward had been able to prove that partly so much time had elapsed between the breaking out of the fire and the arrival of the fire-escape men, who slept in the same room as the girl, still he believed it was fully five minutes after the alarm of fire when the fire-escape arrived at the house. George Ward, who also slept in the room occupied by the previous witnesses, deposed that he went to bed on Tuesday night, or rather early in the morning, at half-past 12 o'clock. He had left the house lighted a candle, and went up to bed. All the girls had gone to bed before him. When the cry of "fire" was first heard he got down into the yard by the ledger

Extracts.

American Judges.

I will mention a few facts with regard to the Supreme Court, the judges of which receive six thousand paper dollars a year, and the chief justice six thousand five hundred. When I was in Washington last winter, the daughters of the chief-justice were earning a scanty, precarious livelihood by copying documents in one of the public offices at eight cents per hundred words. The father of these ladies, twenty-seven years before his death, hired by an honourable, long-cherished ambition, gave up a practice at the Maryland bar which in a few years would have enriched him, in order to accept the post of chief-justice. Whatever his errors may have been, I know he accepted the seat from a proper human motive,—that of winning the esteem of his countrymen by improving justice to them; and he devoted himself wholly to the performance of his duties. I well remember hearing him, one evening some years before his death, give a sketch of his daily and yearly round of work and travel. It was wonderful that a man of fourscore could get through an amount of labour only equalled by that of the active editor of a great daily paper. Except that he smoked like a steam-engine, his habits were regular and abstemious; but he died so poor that his family were destitute almost immediately after his last year's salary was spent. Other facts: A justice of the same high court,—the highest, considering all its duties, in the world,—was paying exactly his whole salary, last winter, for the hire and lodging of himself and his wife. They had one parlour and one bedroom. The judge, of course, gave up the parlour to his wife and her guests, and used the bedroom for an office and consultation-room. There was a great clearing away of papers at bedtime; for, the room being very small, the bed had to serve as an office table. Another justice, who relinquished a practice of forty thousand dollars a year, being a Californian, had to sell his paper dollars during the war at from one-third to one-half their nominal value; and he spent a quarter of the year in laborious travelling. One eminent member of this court was compelled to resign his seat,—not because he could not live upon his salary, for no justice of the Supreme Court can do that,—but because he had not private income *enough* to eke it out. There is not a justice now sitting upon that bench who lives or can live upon his salary; although, fortunately, it is not etiquette for a justice of the Supreme Court to entertain. . . . On almost any morning during the winter, if you take your stand at the front (which is the back) of the Capitol, you may see lawyers who practice in the Supreme Court driven up to the entrance in well-appointed carriages, while the justice before whom they are to argue get out of street-cars or trudge up the steep hill on foot. It is pleasant to see the judges in the cars, and to observe that the respect due to their place is manifested by all who ride in their company.—*"Uncle Sam's Treatment of his Servants," in the Atlantic Monthly.*

The Mormon Smiths.

The jail where the Smiths were confined is situated at the extreme north-western edge of the dismal village, at the end of a long, ill-kept street whose middle is a dusty road, and whose sides are gay with stramonium and dog-fennel. As the avengers came in sight of the mean-looking building that held their prey, the sleeping tiger that strike in every human breast sprang up in theirs, and they quickened their pace to a run. There was no need of orders—no possibility of checking them now. The guards were hustled away from the door, good-naturedly resisting until they were carefully disarmed. Their commander, Lieutenant Frank Worrell, afterwards gave this testimony on the trial, which we copy for its curious and special *inadmissibleness*:—I was one of the guards at the jail. Saw Smith when he was killed. Saw none of the defendants at the jail. Suppose there were one or two hundred there. They stayed three or four minutes. They formed in front of the jail and made a rush. Knew none that came up. . . . Heard nothing that was said. . . . Saw Smith dead—was within ten feet of him. . . . Perhaps a minute after he fell I saw his dead body. . . . I was pushed and shoved some fifty feet. . . . Did not see Sharp, Grover, or Davis. It was so crowded I could not see much. I know about one-third of the men in the country, but none at the jail. I might have been some scared." It would be difficult to imagine anything cooler than this quiet perjury to screen a murder. Yet the strangest part of this strange story is that Frank Worrell was a generous young fellow, and the men with whom he carried out the ghastly comedy of attack and resistance at the door of the prison—Sharp and Grover—were good citizens, educated and irreproachable, who still live to enjoy the respect and esteem of all who know them. There is but one force mighty enough in the world to twist such minds and consciences so fearfully awry, and that is the wild suspicion bred of civil strife. A few months of this miniature war in Hancock County had sufficed to possess many of the prominent actors with the spirit of demons; and in the mind of any anti-Mormon there was nothing more criminal in the shooting of Smith than in the slaying of a wolf or panther. This jolly, good-natured Worrell was himself murdered by Mormon assassins not long after. He was riding with a friend. A shot was heard from a thicket. "That was a rifle!" said the friend. "Yes, and I've got it," said Worrell, coolly. He fell from his horse and died. I have seen, as a child, his grave at Warsaw. A rude wooden headboard, bearing this legend, "He who's with all enemies is no worthy of friends,"—and very orthodox but perhaps as true as most epitaphs. While Worrell, little thinkings of his tombstone, was struggling with his friendly assailants, as many as the narrow entry would hold had rushed into the upper story and up the cramped little stairs. Smith and his brother had been that day removed from their cells and given comparative liberty in a large upper room on the first floor above. This afternoon they were receiving the visits of two Mormon brethren, Richards and Taylor. They heard the row at the door and the rush on the stairs, and instinctively barred their door by pressing their weight against it. The mob fired at the door. Hiram Smith fell, exclaiming, "I'm a dead man." Taylor crawled under the bed, with a bullet in his calf of his leg. Richards hid himself behind the opening door, in mortal terror. He afterwards lied fearfully about the affair, saying he stood calmly in the centre of the room, warding off the bullets with a consecrated wand. Joe Smith died bravely. He stood by the jamb of the door and fired four shots, bringing his man down every time. He shot an Irishman named Wills, who was in the affair from his congenital love of a brawl, in the arm; Gallagher, a Southerner from the Mississippi Bottom, in the face; Voorhees, a half-grown hobbledehoy from Bear Creek, in the shoulder; and another gentleman, whose name I will not mention, as he is prepared to prove an alibi, and besides stands six feet two in his moccasins, Smith had two loaded six-barrelled revolvers in his room. Here a man on trial for capital offences came to be supplied with such luxuries is a mystery that perhaps only one man could fully have solved; and its General Deming, the Mormon sheriff, died soon after, and left no explanation of the matter, investigation is effectually baffled. But the four shots which I have chronicled, and two which had no billet, exhausted one pistol, and the enemy saw Smith no time to use the other. Severely wounded as he was, he ran to the window, which was open to receive the fresh June air, and half leaped, half fell, into the yard just below. With his bad dying energies he gathered himself up, and leaned in a sitting posture against the rude stone wellcurb. His stricken condition, his vague wandering glances, excited no pity in the mob thirsting for his life. They had not seen the handsome fight he had made in the pool; there was no appeal to the border chivalry (there is chivalry on the borders, as in all semi-barbarous regions.) A squad of Missourians, who were standing by the forge, levelled their pieces at him, and, before they could see him again for the smoke they made, Joe Smith was dead.—*"The Mormon Prophet's Tragedy," in the Atlantic Monthly.*

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE undersigned have removed their Auction Rooms to Messrs. SANDER AND Co's Godowns, lately occupied by Messrs. KIECHNER, BROEER & Co.

GUEDES & Co.

tf 203 Hongkong, 1st February, 1870.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Tennent, Glasgow, and Messrs. David Cursar & Sons Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

tf 190 Hongkong, January, 1867.

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c

TO LET.

IN West Terrace, *Caine Road*, Nos. 3, 4, and 5, containing Four rooms each. Bath rooms, &c. Rent moderate. Apply to

THOS. W. BARRINGTON.
47, Wyndham Street.

tf 267 Hongkong, 8th February, 1870.

TO LET.

TWO FLOORS of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.

tf 226 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

TO LET.

THAT conveniently situated BUNGALOW, close by the No. 1 Police Station, containing three rooms, with Garden, and a well of excellent water; well adapted for a small family or invalids. Apply to

JOHN GERRARD.

tf 1596 Hongkong, 19th August, 1869.

TO LET.

With immediate possession.

THE HOUSE and OFFICES, No. 4, *Gough Street*, lately occupied by Messrs. A. WILKINSON & Co. Apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 1957 Hongkong, 15th October, 1869.

TO LET.

With immediate possession.

NO. 4, Peshill Terrace, *Elgin Street*. Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

tf 1838 Hongkong, 30th September, 1869.

HOUSES TO LET.

IN various Parts of Hongkong. A list of HOUSES with *size, locality* and *terms* may be seen at No. 47, *Wyndham Street*.

THOS. W. BARRINGTON.

tf 642 Hongkong, 11th March, 1867.

TO LET.

With Possession on the 1st May Next.

THOSE very desirable Business Premises, situated in the *Queen's Road*, and extending to the Praya, at present occupied by Messrs. HORNAS & Co.

This property can be divided into three portions—that in the Praya is detached, and contains extensive Godowns in the ground and middle floors, with private residence on the upper floor, and separate entrance thereto.

The portion abutting on the *Queen's Road*, from its very central position, is admirably adapted for a Shop or Store, having Godowns on the basement floor, and Dwelling Apartment on the upper floor.

The central portion consists of two Blocks of Buildings, each two storied, and suitable for Offices and Godowns.

For Particulars, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 426 Hongkong, 1st March, 1869

TO BE LET.

THE very desirable business premises lately occupied by Messrs. TYZACK, SITT, & Co.; a portion of which are now occupied by Messrs. BURSSLAR & Co.—with large and commodious dwelling-house and extensive Godowns on the Praya.

For full Particulars, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

tf 2334 Hongkong, 16th December, 1868.

TO LET.

THAT commodious family residence in *Bonham Road*, known as "Perseopolis," containing 12 Rooms, besides basement story, Bath rooms, Coach House and Stable, Gas and Water laid on.

Also, Croquet ground, Flower and Vegetable garden. Apply to

THOS. W. BARRINGTON.
47, Wyndham Street.

tf 1969 Hongkong, 4th June, 1869.

TO LET.

(With immediate possession.)

SEVERAL Strong commodious GODOWNS, very conveniently situated on Marine Lot No. 63, between Messrs. JOHN DUSS & Co.'s premises and Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Wharf.

For Particulars, apply to

A. McLEOD,
At Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 829 Hongkong, 24th April, 1869.

TO LET.

(With immediate possession.)

THE commodious three-storied HOUSE, No. 1, *Wyndham Street*, lately in the occupation of Messrs. BOSWERT & Co. Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 2358 Hongkong, 13th December, 1868.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.

THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise in their own Boats, and to receive the same on Storage in fire-class GRANITE GODOWNS on moderate terms.

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.

tf Hongkong, 4th March, 1867.

TO LET.

(With immediate possession).

A BUNGALOW at *Pokefulam*. Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

tf 1683 Hongkong, 1st September, 1866.

TO BE LET.

With Possession on 1st Oct. next.

THE HOUSE and OFFICE, No. 9, *Gough Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. KIECHNER, BOEHM & Co. Apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 1974 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

L. FRICKEL & Co.

SHIPCHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS,
AND
COMMISSION AGENTS,

tf 1422 QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. [Ag]

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

SECURITY
SHOULD BE THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS.

THE Directors of the Royal Insurance Company have the pleasure of supplying the following information to the public, as evidence of the ample security they afford to their assurers:—

THE CAPITAL

of the Company, available for the purpose of meeting any unusual calamity happening to the Assured, is

Two Millions Sterling.

The amount actually paid up is £288,495. This, with the Accumulated Funds in Hand, makes the invested resources of the Company upwards of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, which amount is invested as follows—

Invested Funds of the Royal Insurance Company, 30th June, 1869.

Real Property, owned by the Company	£210,571 11 3
Mortgages on Freehold Property £34,000 Reduced 3 per cent. Consols	33,500 0 0
India Government 5 per cent. Debentures	28,695 1 3
English Railway Debenture Bonds	100,000 0 0
First-class English Railway Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	59,090 17 7
Loans to Local Authorities of various towns in Great Britain, who have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State to borrow the amounts	335,476 11 11
Bonds of the Bermuda Docks and Harbour Board	145,560 12 0
Bonds of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co.	62,941 14 8
Bonds of the Liverpool Corporation	10,000 0 0
United States Government Stocks	5,160 0 0
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock	101,930 7 10
Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks, with margins from 20 to 50 per cent. on market value	31,106 11 6
Loans on Security of Life Policies	477,195 0 0
	62,538 8 5
	£1,672,356 16 11

The above is a complete list of the investments of the Company at the date specified, in addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents.

At 31st Dec. 1868, these stood at £168,088 2 0

For the satisfaction of the Public, the books of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—

"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-book, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."

THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT,

After payment of Losses, Annuities and Expenses of every description, have been as follows—

Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec. 1864	£231,434 15 5
Added to 31st December, 1865	103,146 7 9
" " " 1866	124,165 7 9
" " " 1867	128,583 5 10
" " " 1868	144,995 12 2
Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of Shareholders' Capital	£1,132,275 8 7

The Directors also think it desirable to State that THE BUSINESS OF THE "ROYAL" HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.

And that the LIABILITY of its Shareholders is UNLIMITED.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents.

2172 Hongkong, 6th November, 1869.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN FIRE RATES OF PREMIUM.

UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—

Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents.		¼ per cent.
Other dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents.		¼ per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents.		¼ per cent

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company.

tf 864 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $60,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 471 Hongkong, 5th March, 1868.

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Companies at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $40,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 2006 Hongkong, 9th November, 1868.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

INCORPORATED 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, TEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.
JAMES HARTLEY & Co.—*Managers.*
ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers.

W. MACAULAY, *Agent.*

tf Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days	1 of the annual rate	
Above 1 month, and not exceeding	3/4	do. do.
Above 2 months and not exceeding	1/2	do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding	1/4	do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.		

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.

tf 675 Hongkong, 19th March, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month	1 month	of the annual rate.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding	3/4	do. do.
Above 2 months and not exceeding	1/2	do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding	1/4	do. do.
Above six months the full annual rate.		

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company.

tf 678 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN FIRE RATES OF PREMIUM.

Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from town, and their contents. { ¼ per cent. per annum

Other dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their contents. { ¼

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents. { 1

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

tf 898 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

HONGKONG INSURANCE COMPANY, 1868.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to issue Marine Policies on the usual terms, to the extent of £10,000, on any first class risk.

A. G. HOGG & Co.

tf 533 Hongkong, 17th March, 1869.

DE OOSTERLING
SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

tf 1669 Hongkong, 1st August, 1868.

FORBES & Co.'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY,
AND
BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies, are prepared to accept risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 2306 Hongkong, 26th February, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Fire Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Barges, or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Borjoes and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.

HEAD OFFICE IN LONDON
No. 7, Royal Exchange, Cornhill, E.C.
WEST END OFFICE.—*No. 7, Pall Mall, S.W.*

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JAMES BLYTH, Esq.—*Sub-Governor.*
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JOHN LAURENCE, Esq.

THE CORPORATION of the LONDON ASSURANCE have appointed Agents for the issue of Policies for Marine Assurance in INDIA and CHINA as under:—

Bombay—Messrs. EWART, LATHAM & Co.
Madras—Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & Co.
Calcutta—Messrs. MACKILLOP, STEWART & Co.
Hongkong—Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Shanghai—Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Foochow—Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Mauritius—Messrs. BLYTH BROTHERS & Co.

The undersigned are prepared to issue Policies on the Property insured by the LONDON ASSURANCE, payable either here, in LONDON, at any of the above-named Agencies, and also at

Melbourne, Victoria—
Messrs. DALGETY, BLACKWOOD & Co.
Launceston, Tasmania—
Messrs. DU CROZ, NICHOLS & Co.
Hobart Town—
Mr. LAWRENCE ROOPE.
Adelaide, S. Australia—
Messrs. ELDER, SMITH & Co.
Sydney, New S. Wales—
Messrs. PANKER, GRIFFITHS & Co.
Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand—
Messrs. DALGETY, RATTRAY & Co.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1869.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION

LIFE ASSURANCES.

THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding £5,000.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 1959 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 1958 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above CORPORATION are prepared to grant FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 3025 Hongkong, 27th December, 1867.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Office, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS, and issue Policies on any First-class Sailing Vessels or Steamers on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in China, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay or London.

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.

tf Hongkong, 8th October, 1863

MERCHANT'S MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY IN MARINE INSURANCE.
Paid up Capital—$500,000.00.

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.

OLYPHANT & Co.

tf 1292 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1869.

NOTICE.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month	1 month	of the annual rate
Above 1 month but not exceeding	3/4	do. do.
Above 3 months but not exceeding	1/2	do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.		

A. G. HOGG & Co.,
Agents, Sun Fire Office.

tf 476 Hongkong, 9th June, 1868.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days	1 of the annual rate	
Not exceeding 1 month	1	do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 2 months	1	do. do.
Above 2 months, and not exceeding six months	1	do. do.
Above six months the full annual rate.		

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company.

tf 678 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN FIRE RATES OF PREMIUM.

Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from town, and their contents. { ¼ per cent. per annum

Other dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their contents. { ¼

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents. { 1

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

tf 898 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

HONGKONG INSURANCE COMPANY, 1868.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to issue Marine Policies on the usual terms, to the extent of £10,000, on any first class risk.

A. G. HOGG & Co.

tf 533 Hongkong, 17th March, 1869.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY.
SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES against Fire on Buildings and Goods, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 236 Hongkong, 7th February, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above INSURANCE COMPANY, are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the Current Rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 572 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1867.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

POLICIES granted on *Marine Risks* to all parts of the World, at current rates.

In addition to the usual brokerage, this Association returns to the assured *Twenty per cent. of its yearly profits*, divided pro rata to the net premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.

tf 1689 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 1022 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

GUARDIAN FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, No. 11, LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.

ESTABLISHED 1821.

And empowered by special Act of Parliament.

Subscribed Capital—£2,000,000 Sterling.

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire on the usual terms.

OLYPHANT & Co.

tf 2317 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

HAMBURG BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days	of the annual rate	
Not exceeding 1 month	do	do
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months	do	do
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months	do	do
Above six months the full annual rate.		

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

tf 898 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz:—

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